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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: Blessing M. Fubara Group Art Unit: 1615
Re: Application of: Chih-Ming CHEN, et al.
Serial No.: 09/726,193
Filed: November 29, 2000

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Box: RCE
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 15, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2002 for three (3) months from October 15, 2002 to January 15, 2003.

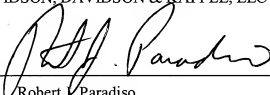
A check in the amount of \$1280.00 is enclosed, of which \$530.00 is to cover the fee due for a three (3) month extension of time. Applicants have subtracted \$400.00 from the three month extension fee of \$930.00 due to the two month extension of time requested in the December 16, 2002 correspondence for the above-identified application. If it is determined that any additional fees are due or if any fees have been overpaid, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVIDSON, DAVIDSON & KAPPEL, LLC

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